



## DEPARTMENT 420

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### MEAT GOAT WETHERS

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## SCHEDULE OF MEAT GOAT WETHERS EVENTS

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**NO PEN ASSIGNMENTS ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 5**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6**

8 am - 7 pm      Admit and pen meat goat wethers.

**NOTE:** Pen assignments will not be made until after veterinary inspection.

### 4-H PEN ASSIGNMENT and UNLOADING PROCEDURES

Department staff will be at the Vet Check Tent to make pen assignments. Pen assignments will be made starting by filling pens on the south side of the barn and filling toward the north side. 4-H'ers wishing to pen together **MUST** arrive together.

The exhibitor will also receive a door number assignment for unloading. Trucks will remain in line in Lot 5 until their assigned unloading door becomes available.

Department Staff in Lot 5 will release trucks for unloading with the assistance of a radio relay with the unloading area.

Exhibitors ignoring these procedures are subject to immediate disqualification and forfeiture of all entry fees.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 7**

8 am - Noon	Admit and pen 4-H meat goat wethers
Noon	4-H meat goat wethers must be penned
1 pm - 5 pm	4-H entry paperwork (meat goat wethers)
6 pm	Weigh meat goat wethers

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8**

10 am	4-H exhibitor meeting - Marsh Blue Ribbon Pavilion Show Arena
6 pm	Meat goat wether show
9 pm	All meat goat wethers (except for the Grand Champion) are released as soon as they have been shown.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9**

All Exhibitors entering the Fairgrounds on or after Wednesday, August 9, **must pay admission or an exhibitor ticket is required.** Any exhibitor leaving the Fairgrounds, wishing to return the same day **must** obtain a hand stamp from the gate attendant or pay admission to re-enter.

This policy will be strictly enforced.

## 4-H MEAT GOAT WETHER ENTRY/EXHIBITION

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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1. 4-H animals purchased, sold or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair (**including animals that have gone through a "Premium Only Auction"**), shall not be eligible to show in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair.
2. All animals must meet the official health requirements, general terms and ownership conditions located in the front of the State Fair 4-H/FFA Handbook/Premium List. Especially note the terms and conditions on tampering, misrepresenting, conduct, drugs, etc. Officials reserve the right to require drug, steroid testing and examination of animals entered in the show. 4-H'ers and parents consent to drug and/or steroid testing as a condition for entering their animal in the Indiana State Fair. Refusing tests will be cause for disqualification.
3. 4-H'ers must postmark (**no metered mail**) their State Fair entry form with a \$15 fee per project (ie. \$15 for sheep (1 project), \$15 for meat goat wethers (1 project), \$15 for Boer goats (1 project)) to the State Fair Entry Dept., 1202 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, IN 46205-2869 by July 1. An **additional** \$50 fee per project/per exhibitor must accompany entries postmarked from July 2-28. Only hand delivered entries will be accepted from July 29 until check-in time, and these entries must be accompanied by an **additional** \$50 late fee per project/per exhibitor plus an **additional** \$50 per animal. Make check or money order payable to Indiana State Fair. No cash accepted. Entry forms are available from

your County Extension office or on the web. **ENTER ONLINE** at [www.indianastatefair.com](http://www.indianastatefair.com).

**WARNING! If all of the information is not completed on the entry form and payment enclosed, the entry will be returned to the 4-H'er and will be subject to all applicable late fees. Before mailing, photocopy your entry.**

4. Tickets will not be mailed to 4-H meat goat wether exhibitors. Tickets will be distributed at the entry table at the Indiana State Fair.
5. After your county fair auction is completed, the 4-H'er must have the Extension Educator cross out those animals that have been sold at the auction (**including animals that have gone through a "Premium Only Auction"**), and obtain the yellow copy of the 4-H enrollment form. If auctioned or premium only animals are on brother's/sister's forms, they must be marked out on the yellow copy of all enrollment forms. Meat goat wethers sold through their county fair auction are not eligible for exhibition in 4-H classes at the Indiana State Fair.  
Confirmation of entries will be mailed to the exhibitor if there is sufficient mail time. Exhibitors should bring the confirmation card with them to the check-in table, if their entry was made by mail or if the entry was made online, the electronic confirmation.
6. The yellow copy of the enrollment form must be hand carried to the State Fair registration table to confirm entries. Enter the State Fairgrounds via Gate 3 from 38th Street.
7. Meat goat wethers entered in the Indiana State Fair must be owned and cared for by the 4-H member by May 15th and remain in the same continuous ownership until show day at the Indiana State Fair.
8. All meat goat wethers must be individually identified by a noseprint or a retinal scan and an ear tag or a tattoo under the supervision of the county 4-H committee by May 15th.
9. All meat goat wethers entered in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair must have been enrolled in the exhibitor's county on an official 4-H goat enrollment form by May 15th.
10. All wethers must be shown with their milk teeth in place.
11. Wether classes will be divided according to the weight of the animals. All meat goat wethers must weigh at least 50 lbs.
12. The number of classes will depend on the number of wethers that arrive at the Indiana State Fair.
13. All meat goat breeds and crosses are eligible. These wethers do not need to be registered.

14. Any meat goat wether showing evidence of testicular tissue is ineligible for the 4-H meat goat show. If testicular tissue is discovered in the champion meat goat wether during "harvesting," the exhibitor will receive market value for the carcass but will forfeit all premium and prize money.
15. Substitute showmen must be approved in writing by the 4-H show manager 24 hours prior to the showing of the animal(s) needing a substitute showman. Requests will be granted for medical emergencies, conflicts with showing other animals, or desperate circumstances deemed unavoidable by the 4-H show manager. Failure to be excused from a job and/or participation in a sporting event or sports practice will not result in a substitute showman being granted.

## ARRIVAL AND RELEASE PROCEDURES

1. Upon arrival, all trucks and trailers must enter Gate 3 from 38th Street.
2. Inside Gate 3, follow directions for unloading.
3. Health papers and animals must be checked and approved by a representative of the State Veterinarians office before unloading.
4. **Pen Assignment and Unloading Procedures:** Department staff will be at the Vet Check Tent to make pen assignments. Pen assignments will be made starting by filling pens on the south side of the barn and filing toward the north side. 4-H'ers wishing to pen together **MUST** arrive together.  
The exhibitor will also receive a door number assignment for unloading. Trucks will remain in line in Lot 5 until their assigned unloading door becomes available. Department Staff in Lot 5 will release trucks for unloading with the assistance of a radio relay with the unloading area. Exhibitors ignoring these procedures are subject to immediate disqualification and forfeiture of all entry fees.
5. 4-H exhibitors will not be assessed a pen fee. Each 4-H exhibitor will be assigned a pen by the State Fair personnel under the department director's supervision.
6. **Carpet may not be used as bedding for animals in the Marsh Blue Ribbon Sheep Pavilion (Sheep Barn).**
7. All 4-H trailers and large trucks must be parked in the 46th Street Lot; therefore, as soon as your unloading has been completed, you must move your "rig" following the route designated by the traffic department.
8. Transportation will be provided for exhibitors from the 46th Street Lot to Gate 1 (Main Gate on 38th Street) and from the same location to the 46th Street Lot.

9. 4-H animals and exhibitors will be released at the published times.
10. When you are ready to depart, bring your "rig" to the same loading and unloading area (You must have a gate pass to get your "rig" in Gate 3.) You must clean your pen and secure a release form from the Sheep Barn Office staff before leaving the grounds.

## MEAT GOAT WETHER SHOWMANSHIP

1. 4-H members who compete in the 4-H meat goat wether showmanship classes at the Indiana State Fair must show one (1) of their own animals that was exhibited by them in the regular 4-H meat goat wether classes.
2. Junior Showmanship - 4-H exhibitors in the 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade on January 1 of the current year. Once an exhibitor is the champion junior meat goat wether showman, he/she will only be eligible to compete in intermediate or senior showmanship in future years.
3. Intermediate Showmanship - 4-H exhibitors in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade on January 1 of the current year. Exceptions to this grade requirement will only be made for previous champion Junior meat goat wether showmen, who must now compete in Intermediate Showmanship. Once an exhibitor is the champion intermediate meat goat wether showman he/she will only be eligible to compete in Senior Showmanship in future years.
4. Senior Showmanship - 4-H exhibitors in the 9th grade and above on January 1 of the current year. Exceptions to this grade requirement will only be made for previous champion intermediate meat goat wether showmen who must now compete in Senior Showmanship. Champion senior meat goat wether showmen from previous years are no longer eligible for the senior meat goat wether showmanship class.
5. Grand Champion 4-H Meat Goat Wether Showmanship - present Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship winners along with all past senior showmanship champions may compete for the title of "Grand Champion 4-H Meat Goat Wether Showman".

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(Do not pre-enter champion classes)		
SECTION LETTERS:		MG
<b>Meat goat wethers</b>		1
Champion meat goat wether - large banner - Sale of Champions		2
Reserve champion meat goat wether - small banner - \$250		3
Junior meat goat showmanship - rosette & 5 blue ribbons		4
Intermediate meat goat showmanship - rosette & 5 blue ribbons		5
Senior meat goat showmanship - rosette & 5 blue ribbons		6
Grand champion meat goat showman - large plaque		7
Reserve grand champion meat goat showman - small plaque		8

4-H MEAT GOAT PREMIUM SCHEDULE

Number in class	Placings									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
19 +	20	18	16	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
17-18	20	18	16	14	13	12	11	10	9	
15-16	20	18	16	14	13	12	11	10		
13-14	20	18	16	14	13	12	11			
11-12	20	18	16	14	13	12				
9-10	20	18	16	14	13					
7-8	20	18	16	14						
5-6	20	18	16							
3-4	20	18								
1-2	20									